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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITALLY SIGNING
AN ADVERTISEMENT AREA NEXT TO A VALUE-BERING ITEM

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An on-line VBI printing system that includes one or more
cryptographic modules and a central database. The cryptographic
modules are capable of implementing a variety of required
10 security standards. A client system provides a user friendly GUI
for facilitating the interface of the user to the system. The
GUI system includes wizards that help the user step-by-step with
processes of registration, logging into the system, and printing
the VBI. In one aspect, the invention describes an on-line
15 system for securely printing an advertisement on a VBI.

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